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Mr. Chris Brown
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The Allergy and Environmental Health Association
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Dear Mr. Brown,

Thank you for your letter of January 18, 1991 and attached documents in which you describe the concerns related to children with environmental sensitivities. I have forwarded your correspondence to the Special Education and Provincial Schools Branch for a review of Ministry policy.

The Ministry of Education Special Education Handbook, 1984, includes definitions of exceptionalities that are intended to be descriptive and provide indicators which may be used to determine the needs of an exceptional pupil. As you are aware, a review of these definitions has recently been conducted. I understand that information about environmental sensitivities and their impact on the ability to learn was provided through the Eastern Ontario regional office to the committee for consideration. Since a validation document has been prepared for review by interested groups a copy will be made available to your organization and I encourage you to take the opportunity to provide further input.

In order to be represented on a Special Education Advisory Committee your local association must comply with the requirements set out in S.182 of the Education Act (copy enclosed). Whether the Allergy and Environmental Sensitivities Association meets these criteria is a matter that should be resolved between the Association and the Carleton Board of Education.

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The Eastern Ontario Regional Office will continue to be available to assist you in whatever way it can.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marion Boyd', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Marion Boyd
Minister

Enclosure